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Sunday's Gospel JN 10: 11-18

*I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and
mine know me.*

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Upcoming Events

April

25 & 26 – 1st Communion
28 – Science Club

May

6 – Confirmation
8 - May Crowning
13 – Spirit Wear
Goodwill Games

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MEYMANN

Please keep our two classes of second grade students in your prayers this weekend as they are receiving First Holy Communion at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. What a special sacrament! Snuggy and Starlite (two crazy clowns) joined the boys and girls this week to help them learn more about Jesus. Father Kemper has shared with me he feels the students are very well prepared. May each of you always know the joy of Christ's love not just at First Communion, but every time you receive the Eucharist.

Keep August 12 open! For the last several years, we have tried to balance the needs of the students, parents, and teachers as we begin a new school year. After trial and error, we have come up with a plan to address everyone's Back to School needs. Please add these important dates to your calendar:

Wednesday, August 5 - Look for mailed letters from preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade Teachers

Wednesday, August 12 An adult from every school family is invited to a brief but important meeting. At the meeting you will receive a folder with your children's handbooks, homeroom assignments, emergency contact forms, bus assignments, etc. We will go over important school procedures and help all families learn about involvement in school and other activities. Representatives from our scouting programs, athletics, YMCA latch-key program, instrumental music programs, and PTC spirit wear will be available for families to get registered for the upcoming school year. If families are unable to attend, they should call the school office and arrange to pick up the folder and obtain information prior to the first day of school so students may return necessary form and contact information, prior to the first day of school.

Thursday, August 13 Between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m., students and their parents are welcome to bring school supplies, meet their teachers, and get settled into their classrooms.

Tuesday, August 18 School begins for all students in grades 1-8 and those kindergarten students scheduled to attend August 18.

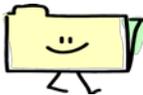
Wednesday, August 19 School continues for all those in grades 1-8 and begins for kindergarten students scheduled to attend August 19.

Thursday, August 20 School continues for all those in grades 1-8 and begins for kindergarten students scheduled to attend August 20.

Friday, August 21 All students in grades K-8 attend school and we have our first school mass for grades 1-8 at 9:05 a.m.

Schools are being discouraged from posting student class lists for safety reasons, and so this information will be in family folders to be distributed at the parent meeting. **If you have information you would like the staff to consider when making class assignments for next year, please address this to my attention in writing, prior to May 7.**

Have a Wonderful Weekend!



Friday Folder Flyers

- Goodwill Games Permission Slip
- Summer Reading Skills Camp
- Harrison Elementary PTA Yard Sale
- Hope Over Herion Fundraiser at Skyline
- Scholarship Opportunity for 8th Grade Students

Reminders

- Yearbook Orders are now being taken
- Southwest Transportation Forms need to be completed by Southwest Residents

Everybody Counts Thank you!!!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who gave their time this week to make the program a success. Thank you to **Michelle Ehrhard** for organizing her team of presenters. **Everybody Counts** is a program designated to teach children about physical and mental conditions and how people of all ages master the challenges of daily living. Imagine a world where we accept and value everyone as they are.

2015 Fall Soccer

Here at St. John the Baptist we have two unique soccer programs. The first is focused on the Pre-K and K kids and the second is focused on the 1st thru 8th graders. Please read below for more details.

Jaguars Soccer Camp this year is yet TBD due to a number of different factors (one in particular that Harrison Community Center Soccer Fields are not available the week of July 27th) and if we can figure out a location for the camp, then we will send out a separate email regarding Jaguars Soccer Camp.

2015 Fall Soccer Registration is Open until May 4th.

Cost for Little Jags Soccer: \$25

Cost for Jaguars Soccer: \$65 (No Family Fees starting with 2015 Fall Soccer)

Little Jags Soccer

The Little Jags Soccer League is for Pre-K and K kids that want to have fun and learn how to play soccer. We practice and have a game on Friday nights from 6pm - 7pm at the Harrison Community Center.

The league consists of 8 teams and they play a total of 8 games. We will not have practice/games on the Friday night of the Family Picnic or the Harrison Community Center Yard Sale (dates are on the website under the soccer tab).

Jaguars Soccer

The Jaguars Soccer Program is for 1st - 8th graders.

These teams are part of the WCSA Soccer League. You can access the league website at www.wcsasoccer.com This league has both boy and girl teams.

When registrations are closed, we send the WCSA Board a list of all the players and their computer program randomly chooses players to be on certain teams.

We practice two nights a week (Tuesday and Thursday) at the Harrison Community Center and have a game on the weekend at one of our competitor's fields. Once the future home development is complete, we will be having home games on our fields in Harrison. This program has a pre-season tournament, regular season and post-season tournament. You can find more information under the Soccer tab on the main page of the athletics website.

If you have any questions, please email or call Mike Lipp at stjbsoccer@gmail.com or [513-582-6389](tel:513-582-6389).

Looking Ahead for Volunteer Opportunities

A few more volunteer opportunities are out there for parents or perhaps college students home for the summer in May. Check your calendars because we need your help on Wednesday, **May 13** for our annual Goodwill Games. This is a morning devoted to participating in physical activities at the Community Center for Grades K-5. The Jr. High students help conduct the games and the 6th grade students take their Kindergarten pals from station to station. Your help is needed as supervisors to walk the students to and from the Community Center and around to the various events. A volunteer form will be coming home in the Friday folder soon.

Another date you might want to arrange to be at school for is our 7th annual Mini Relay for Life. It is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 27**. Our students participate in walking around the parking lot for the day along with learning about cancer prevention. Money is raised through a staff contest, luminaria sales, basket raffles, and our Hope Highway. We honor cancer survivors and remember those lost to this disease with a Luminary ceremony, too. In the six years we have held our own Relay for Life, we have raised over \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society!

Any information or questions about these events should be directed to Mrs Ziegler. Thanks!

Mother and Daughter Banquet

It's almost time for the Annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, sponsored each year on the 1st Tuesday of May by the **Daughters of Isabella**. Mark your calendar and save the date! It will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Harrison K of C Hall. All ladies are cordially invited! Young and old alike – come on down! Come with your Mother or Daughter, your Grandmother or Granddaughter, Mother-in-law or Daughter-in-law, or a friend. Reservations not required. As always, this is a free event; all we ask is that you please bring a covered dish to share – entrée, side item, dessert, etc. This is such an enjoyable event each year, you surely won't want to miss it, and we'll be looking forward to see you there. We'll have door prizes for the women, as well as for the little ladies, and as always, there'll be a split-the-pot.

Changes to SJB Athletic Association

It's hard to believe it has been a full year of using the Blue Sombrero website! It provides a great many things for us as an organization - as well as you as a parent. As an Athletic Organization, each month we meet and discuss the various aspects of our programs. One such topic has been the \$50 family fee. We have had many conversations regarding the family fee - it's necessity, raising/lowering, comparing to other schools, etc.

It has been decided that in lieu of the family fee, each registration (minus football - handled through St John's Dry Ridge & Little Jags - a non-league sport) will be adjusted to \$65. There will be NO family fee for the upcoming school year, or future school years. This new fee assessment will begin with the 1st sport of the 2015-2016 school year ... soccer. We feel \$65 is highly competitive, while still covering our costs to provide for our athletes.

While we have your attention - our athletic organization is only as good as our members. Our meetings are always open to all members and we always are open to new ideas, thoughts, suggestions, and volunteers. Coordinators jobs are time-consuming - having a 2nd or even 3rd person willing to assist with tasks can be very helpful. Are you willing to help? Please do not hesitate to contact us by simply replying to this email. We are currently in need of a girls' basketball coordinator or coordinators for next year. Thank you for your time & your support. We meet each month on the 1st Monday at 7 pm in the Community room.

St. John's Athletic Association

Parish News and Extras

Lotto Winners!!!

Congratulations to the weekly Lotto winner! Doug & Mary Lohman won \$100 for the week of 4/20 with ticket #0487. The winning ticket was sold by The Lohman Family. It was pulled by Jessica Hollerman & Angie Land.

Can't Win If You Don't Buy A Ticket

The Hit Men, Featuring Former Members of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons at McAuley May 9

The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society will present the Hit Men which features former stars of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons at the McAuley Performing Arts Center Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 PM.

In addition to reliving all of the classic Jersey Boy Hits, you will hear all the other classic hits the other band members wrote, recorded and performed with artists such as Elton John, Cat Stevens, Carly Simon, Jim Croce and many more. This is not a tribute band. You will hear the songs performed by the musicians that made them classics. Be sure to get a group of friends together and come out for a great evening of entertainment and help us support Catholic elementary education. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 day of show. For tickets and information go to www.gcparts.org or call [513-570-0652](tel:513-570-0652). When you purchase a ticket, you can designate \$5 from each ticket to go to the Catholic elementary school of your choice. The ESAP Foundation will match all donations for a \$10 per ticket total contribution! This is a great way to have a great night out and support your parish and your school. The Greater Cincinnati Performing Arts Society - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!

ROCK OUT FOR CANCER CONCERT

Have you got your tickets yet? Join the National Band **The Guess Who** with "The Classic Rock Experience" **Midnight Special**, **GIVEHOPE** and the **UC Cancer Institute** in their effort to **ROCK OUT CANCER** on Saturday, June 20th at the Horseshoe Casino. All proceeds benefit **GIVEHOPE** and **UCCI**. Tickets are \$80 for general admission and include dinner by the bite featuring restaurants Gold Star Chili, Rock Bottom Brewery, Via Vita, Palomino, Bella Luna, Horseshoe Casino, and desserts by Patricia's Wedding cakes. **There will be a live auction and raffles.**

VIP tickets are \$160 and include the above plus meet and greet with the band before the concert, reserved seating area, VIP only cash bar area with bar service from seats, goodie bags, free valet parking plus the opportunity to nominate a cancer patient / survivor / or someone who lost their battle with cancer, to be highlighted during the event. **These seats are limited so order early.**

Super VIP tickets \$500 feature an **exclusive after party with the band**, front row reserved seats with cash bar service from seats, goodie bags, and free VIP parking, parking plus the opportunity to nominate a cancer patient / survivor / or someone who lost their battle with cancer, to be highlighted during the event. **These seats are extremely limited.**

Thank you to our sponsors Gold Star Chili, BSI Engineering, WCPO Channel 9, CTI Restaurants Uno's and Taco Bell, US Bank, Ripple Junction and Microsoft.

Click the below link for tickets

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/rock-out-cancer-concert-2015-tickets-13648985483?aff=eac2>

Like the facebook page and share with your friends – Watch for special announcements

<https://www.facebook.com/ghroc>

PARISH LIFE NEWS & EVENTS

The Parish Life Team hopes all of you had a very Blessed Easter

J.U.L.I.E.T.'S (**J**ust **U**s **L**adies **I**nto **E**ating **T**ogether) The next two JULIET'S luncheons will be held **this Thursday, April 23** and **May 28, 2015** at **11:30 a.m. at Monk's Kitchen** on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road. Call Phyllis Morris @ [\(513\) 202-0449](tel:513-202-0449) for further information. You don't need to RSVP to attend - just come anytime you can make it.

COFFEE, CHOCOLATE & CRAFTS Plan to attend CCC **this Saturday, April 25, 2015** from **9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room**. Due to May 30th being our Junk in the Trunk sale, **CCC will not be held in May**. If you want additional information or have any questions, please contact Pam Reiter @ [513-738-1710](tel:513-738-1710). This event is open to all and children under the age of 18 are always welcome when accompanied by an adult.

ROSE'S CHAIN GANG: CROCHET Next class is **Thursday, April 30, 2015** in the **Community Room**. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Rose Page @ [513-353-1435](tel:513-353-1435).

BOOK CLUB The next Parish Life Adult Community Book Club gathering will be on **Saturday, May 2, 2015** from **10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room**. The book we will be discussing is "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes. There is no cost involved to participate. If interested in participating and/or you want more information, please contact Kathy Wirsch @ [812-637-3604](tel:812-637-3604) or mkwirsch@fuse.net. Books will be available at the Harrison Library for your use.

R.O.M.E.O.'S (**R**etired **O**ld **M**en Eating **O**ut) The next lunch gathering for the men of the parish, their friends, and/or family members who wish to share fellowship and make new friends will be held on **Tuesday, May 5, 2015** at **11:30a.m. at MONK'S RESTAURANT** on Harrison Avenue near Dry Fork Road. Please call or email (tkdahmann@hotmail.com) Tom Dahmann @ [513-367-9134](tel:513-367-9134) for additional information. You don't need to RSVP to attend – feel free to come anytime you can make it.

Junk in the Trunk Sale – **May 30, 2015 9am to 2pm**, in St. John's parking lot. Buyers needed!! Come out and see what "treasures" you may find. Look for the registration form to be a seller in upcoming bulletins. \$20 registration fee, with \$10 returned after the sale when your space is cleared. Contact Karen Thomas for more information. Karen_thomas1952@yahoo.com

WE NEED YOU to help keep this ministry alive. *Won't you consider joining us? If you want to find out more about the SJB Parish Life Team please contact Patty Dean @[513-367-9814](tel:513-367-9814) OR padean72@hotmail.com.*